

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. No claims have been added or canceled. Claims 1, 11, 15, 22 and 28 have been amended. Claims 1-31 stand rejected and are currently pending. Claims 1-31 are believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview on February 6, 2006. During the interview, Applicants clarified that "a viewer" is not intended to have a scope broad enough to read on a display device. Moreover, Applicants distinguished their invention over Adam on the basis that Adam teaches away from Applicants' invention by specifically reciting that "[p]resenting the data as web-compatible files also eliminates the need for special data viewers." See Adam, ¶ [0027]. Applicants also explained that data from the native trace files themselves are used to present information in Applicants' invention. Finally, Applicants explained that to the extent that Adam appears to teach viewing raw trace-file data, it does so by providing a link to the data on a page so that the data can be downloaded, and then used in original test equipment or in specialized trace viewers to view the data. See Adam, ¶ [0027], last sentence. But Applicants use the original trace files to present the raw data in a web browser, not on test equipment.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0006726 ("Adam") in view of Acterna Atlas Remote Fiber Test System ("Acterna"). Applicants incorporate by reference their comments in their previous Response.

In light of the interview, Applicants have amended the independent claims (1, 11, 15, 22 and 28) to advance prosecution. Each claim recites a display device as well as a viewer (thus a viewer is not a display device), that the results are presented in a web browser (rather than downloaded to a device), and that the OTDR trace file is used in its native format.

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Further regarding "display device," Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Applicants' Specification on pages 10 and 11, which distinguish a "viewer" from a "display device:" "Returning to FIG. 1A, web viewer 118 is used to present the data of native trace file 112. In a preferred embodiment, web viewer 118 is a browser plug-in." See Specification, ¶ [0036]. The Specification further recites "This allows a proper viewer to be identified whereby the data in said trace file can be presented on display device 120. Display device 120 can be any device (monitor, flat screen, LCD, TFT, hand-held device, etc.) adapted to render data for viewing." See Specification, ¶ [0039]. The Office's arguments on page 5 of the Office Action rely on a "viewer" being interpreted as a "terminal or monitor" are believed to be moot.

For at least the reasons listed above, claims 1, 11, 15, 22, and 28 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and so too are the corresponding dependent claims 2-10, 12-14, 16-21, 23-27 and 29-31 by virtue of their dependence.

CONCLUSION

This Amendment is being submitted with a Request For Continued Examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$790.00 and any additional amount required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0765.

Respectfully submitted,



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